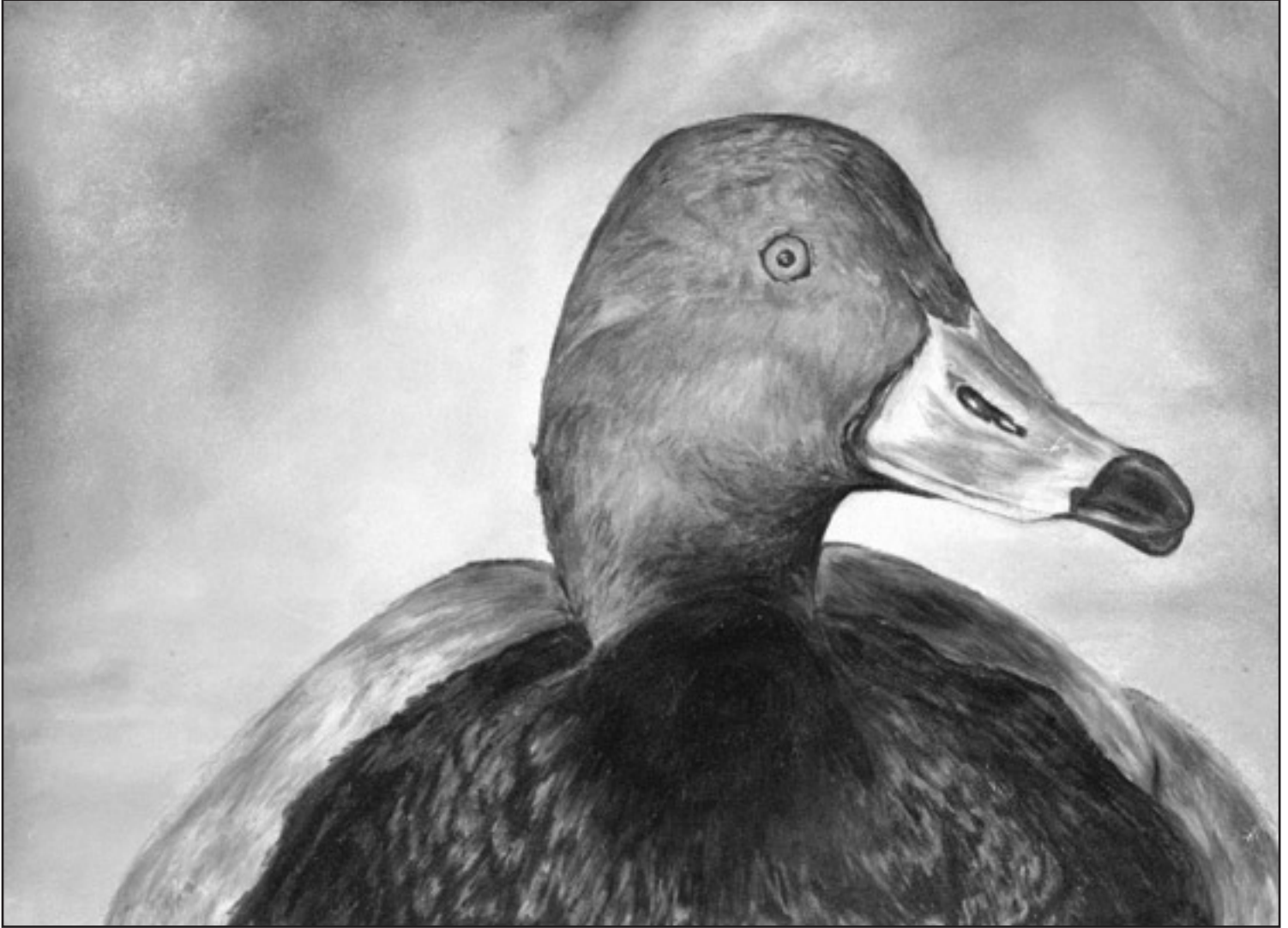


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Jamie Helm, 17, won the 2004 Kentucky Junior Duck Stamp Contest with her drawing of a redhead.



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DUCKS, COOTS & MERGANSERS

Statewide Season Dates

Pintail and canvasback ducks:

Jan. 1, 2005 - Jan. 30, 2005

All others: Nov. 25-28, 2004, and
Dec. 6, 2004 - Jan. 30, 2005

Bag Limits

Ducks: The daily bag limit is 6 ducks and may include no more than 4 mallards (only 2 of which may be hens), 3 scaup, 2 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback (when pintail and canvasback season is open) and 1 black duck.

Coots: The daily limit is 15.

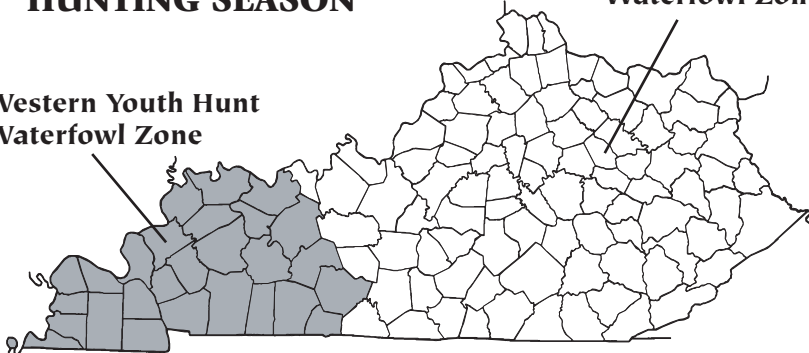
Mergansers: The daily limit is 5, only one may be a hooded merganser.

The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is double the daily bag limit.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON

Western Youth Hunt Waterfowl Zone

Eastern Youth Hunt Waterfowl Zone



Youths may hunt in two special weekend waterfowl seasons:

Eastern Zone: October 9-10, 2004

Western Zone: February 5-6, 2005

Hunters age 15 and under can hunt ducks, coots, mergansers and geese on these days. Juniors hunting during these seasons must comply with hunter education and hunting license requirements and be accompanied by an adult (at least 18 years of age).

Bag limits are the same as for regular duck and goose seasons.

GOOSE SEASON DATES

Canada Goose

Western Goose Zone:

Dec. 6, 2004 - Jan. 31, 2005, unless quota is reached.

Fulton County in the Western Goose Zone will remain open through February 15 **unless** the Canada goose quota for that zone is reached prior to/on Jan. 31, 2005.

Pennyroyal/Coalfield Goose Zone:

Dec. 13, 2004 - Jan. 31, 2005

West-Central Goose Zone:

Dec. 13, 2004 - Jan. 31, 2005

Eastern Goose Zone:

Dec. 13, 2004 - Jan. 31, 2005

Northeast Goose Zone:

Jan. 1, 2005 - Jan. 9, 2005 and Jan. 22 - 31, 2005; shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. *(Mandatory free permit required -- see MANDATORY PERMIT NOTE below.)*

White-Fronted Goose and Brant

All Zones and Reporting Areas:

Nov. 25, 2004 - Jan. 31, 2005

Note: If harvest quotas set for Canada geese in the Ballard and Henderson-Union Reporting Areas or the Western Goose Zone are reached before the dates specified above, hunting for dark geese (dark geese include Canadas, white-fronted geese and brant) will end early in those areas. See ZONE CLOSURES for details.

Snow Goose (including Ross' Goose)

Regular:

All counties except the portion of Fulton County in the Western Goose Zone: Nov. 25, 2004 - Jan. 31, 2005

Portion of Fulton County in the Western Goose Zone: Nov. 25, 2004-Feb. 15, 2005

Conservation Order:

Eastern Zone: Feb. 1 - March 31, 2005

Western, West-Central, Pennyroyal Coalfield Zones: Feb. 1-4 and Feb. 7

- March 31, 2005**

Conservation Order may open earlier if all other waterfowl seasons are closed.

During the Conservation Order, electronic calls may be used; shooting hours extended to 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset; no bag limit on snow geese. **Mandatory FREE permit required for hunting Snow Geese during this period. Contact Ballard WMA at: (270) 224-2244 after Jan. 10, 2005.*

BAG LIMITS FOR ALL GOOSE ZONES

The combined daily bag limit for dark geese (Canada, white-fronted and brant) is 6, with no more than 2 Canadas, 2 white-fronted geese, and 2 brant. The possession limit for dark geese is double the daily bag limit.

The daily bag limit for snow geese (including Ross' geese) is 20. There is no possession limit for snow geese.

**MANDATORY PERMIT NOTE: Before hunting in the Northeast Goose Zone, hunters must obtain a MANDATORY FREE PERMIT. Hunters must complete and return the survey included with the permit within 10 days after the season closes, or forfeit eligibility for a permit the following season.*

***Portion of Fulton County in the Western Goose Zone, Feb. 16 - Mar. 31, 2005.*

For Canada goose hunting, Kentucky is divided into five zones. Different season dates and/or hunting requirements apply to each zone. Use the boundary descriptions and maps below to determine the requirements for the zone in which you will hunt.

Western Goose Zone

The Western Goose Zone includes Henderson County and the portion of Kentucky west of US 60 from the Henderson-Union county line to US 641, US 641 to Interstate 24, I-24 to the Purchase Parkway and the Purchase Parkway.

Pennyroyal/Coalfield Goose Zone

The Pennyroyal/Coalfield Goose Zone includes the area from the Western Goose Zone to and including Simpson, Warren, Butler, Ohio and Daviess counties (excluding the portions of counties in the West-Central Goose Zone).

West-Central Goose Zone

The West-Central Goose Zone includes Muhlenberg County, Ohio County south of the Rough River, Butler County west of Hwy 79 and north of Hwy 70, and Hopkins County east of Hwys 814 and 109, south of US 41A between Hwy 814

and Madisonville, and south of Hwy 85 east of Madisonville. (See CANADA GOOSE ZONES map)

Northeast Goose Zone*

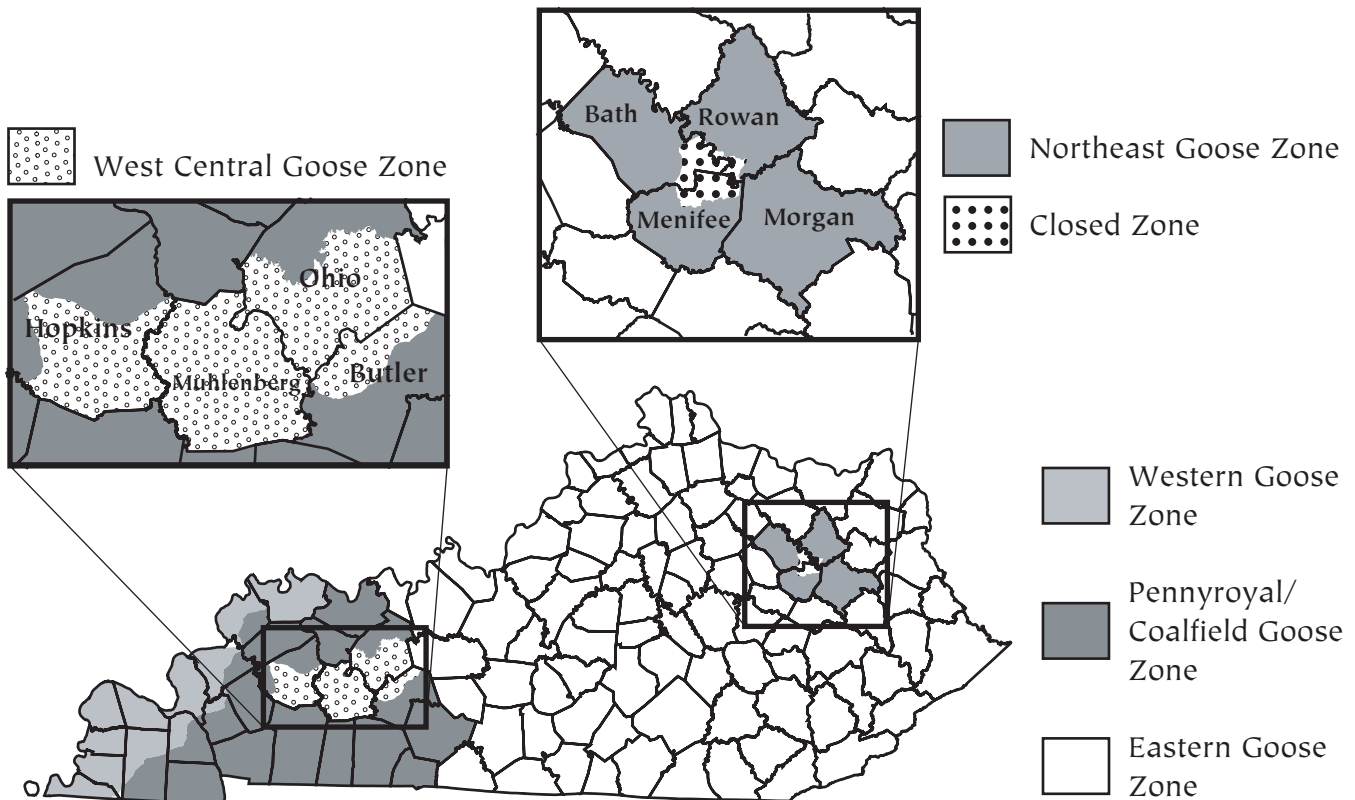
The Northeast Goose Zone includes: Bath, Menifee, Morgan (except that portion that lies within the Paintsville Lake WMA) and Rowan counties except that no goose hunting is permitted on public land (USFS) and water within the block of land lying inside the boundaries of Hwy. 801, Hwy. 1274, Hwy. 36, Hwy. 211, Hwy. 60 and Hwy. 826. **Note:** This area includes most of Cave Run Lake. (See CANADA GOOSE ZONES map)

Eastern Goose Zone

The Eastern Goose Zone is the part of Kentucky that lies east of the Pennyroyal/Coalfield Zone (excluding the Northeast Goose Zone).

**Mandatory permits for the Northeast Goose Zone (see previous section on GOOSE SEASON DATES for details) are available from the KDFWR by calling 1-800-858-1549. Office hours are weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST.*

CANADA GOOSE ZONES



3 REPORTING AREAS

The Western Goose Zone contains two reporting areas:

Ballard Reporting Area:

Starting at the northwest city limits of Wickliffe in Ballard County to the middle of the Mississippi River, then north along the Mississippi to the low water mark of the Ohio River along the Illinois shore to the Ballard-McCracken County line; then along the county line south to KY 358, then south along KY 358 to its junction with US 60 at LaCenter; then following US 60 southwest to the northeast city limits of Wickliffe.

Henderson-Union Reporting Area:

All of Henderson County and that portion of Union County lying within the Western Goose Zone. (The area north and west of US 60.)

Goose Hunter Registration in Reporting Areas

During Canada goose season, **a person hunting waterfowl during Canada goose season anywhere within the Ballard or Henderson-Union reporting areas**, including private or commercial waterfowl hunting lands and in the Mississippi or Ohio rivers and their overflow areas within the Ballard or Henderson-Union reporting areas, **is required by law** to obtain a waterfowl harvest register form and fill it out as follows:

BEFORE HUNTING, hunters must enter their name, address, hunting license number and date of hunt on the daily harvest register form. At the completion of the hunt, hunters must enter on the form the number and species of waterfowl taken. If only one hunter is carrying the form for a hunting party, that hunter must enter all the required information, in the manner described, for each hunter in the party. (Those hunting waterfowl on commercial areas must fill out the daily register provided by the area operator.)

Reporting Procedures

The reporting period closes at the end of shooting hours on **Wednesday** and **Sunday** of each week during the season, and then on the last day of the season. Completed harvest report cards must be mailed or hand-delivered to be received no later than the following **Monday** and **Thursday** of each week, to the address shown on the form. Original waterfowl harvest register forms should be mailed or hand-delivered so that they arrive within five days after the close of goose season, to the address shown on the form.

Harvest Report Cards must be filled out and mailed, as described, whether or not any waterfowl are taken. For permits and registration forms for the Ballard Reporting

Area, contact: Ballard Wildlife Management Area, 864 Wildlife Lodge Road, LaCenter, KY 42056. For permits and registration forms for the Henderson-Union Reporting Area, contact Sloughs Wildlife Management Area, 9956 Hwy. 268, Corydon, KY 42406.

Zone Closures

If the quota in the Ballard Reporting Area (6,700 Canada geese) or the quota in the Henderson-Union Reporting Area (2,600 Canada geese) is reached prior to Jan. 31, 2005, that area will close to the hunting of dark geese with a notice given. The remaining portion of the Western Goose Zone not in the Ballard reporting area or the Henderson-Union reporting area may continue for 7 additional days after quotas have been reached in both reporting areas not to exceed Jan. 31 (except that portion in Fulton County).

Notice will be given a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the time and date of closing. Hunters may call (502)564-8333, after January 1, 2005, for Canada goose harvest totals in each reporting area.

Blind Restrictions for Ballard Reporting Area

In the Ballard Reporting Area, waterfowl hunting is permitted only from blinds (defined as any form of concealing enclosure including a pit or an anchored, stationary or drifting boat from which hunting occurs) unless conducted from flooded, standing timber. All constructed or used blinds (including boats) must be at least 100 yards apart and at least 50 yards from any property line. No more than 5 persons with only one shotgun each may occupy a single blind at the same time. Blind requirements are suspended during the late snow goose conservation order and the September wood duck and teal season.

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Shooting Hours

Except in the Northeast Goose Zone and as noted in the Special Regulations for WMAs, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset for all species listed in this guide.

License and Permit Requirements

Hunting License: Unless license-exempt under KRS 150.170, all hunters must possess a valid Kentucky hunting license when waterfowl hunting. Persons using a license authorization number in lieu of a paper license must have the authorization number and a picture ID with them while hunting. All Kentucky residents 65 years of age and older and Kentucky residents who are certified totally and permanently disabled by the Federal Social Security Administration, by a state Workers Compensation Board, by the Kentucky Teacher's Retirement System, by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, by the United States Railroad Retirement Board, or Kentucky resident veterans who have a permanent 50 percent disability as the result of military-related injuries are required to purchase the **Senior/Disabled combination hunting and fishing license** (\$5) and carry it while hunting or fishing. This license includes all the following state permits: deer, turkey, migratory bird, waterfowl and trout.

Kentucky Waterfowl Permit: Any person required to possess a hunting license, except children under the age of 16, taking or attempting to take waterfowl must possess a Kentucky Waterfowl Permit. The waterfowl permit covers all species of migratory birds. Those who buy a waterfowl permit, senior/disabled combination license, or Sportsman's license, MUST COMPLETE a Migratory Bird Harvest Survey form at the time of purchase. (This permit is included with the Senior/Disabled combination hunting and fishing license and Sportsman's license.)

Other licenses, except junior hunting, can be purchased by calling 1-877-598-2401 (toll free). Licenses over the internet are available at fw.ky.gov.

Federal Migratory Bird Stamp: In addition to the state waterfowl permit requirement listed above, all persons age 16 or over must carry a valid federal migratory bird hunting stamp (commonly called duck stamp) to hunt waterfowl. Hunters under 16 must possess a junior hunting license but the Federal Waterfowl Stamp and Kentucky Waterfowl Permit are not required. The federal stamp must be validated by the hunter's signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.

Hunter Education: All hunters born on or after January 1, 1975, must carry a valid hunter education course completion card while hunting, in addition to the appropriate

Kentucky hunting license, federal stamp and state waterfowl permit. Hunters not required to have a hunting license are not required to possess the hunter education card. Hunters under the age of 10 may hunt without a course completion card, but must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age who remains in a position to take immediate control of the child's firearm.

Shot Size, Type, Shotshell Length Restrictions

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-approved nontoxic shot no larger than size "T" is required for all waterfowl hunting. Shot larger than size "T", or shotshells longer than 3.5 inches, **MAY NOT BE POSSESSED OR USED** while hunting waterfowl. Currently, steel, bismuth, tungsten and certain tungsten composite shotshells are approved for use. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may approve other types of nontoxic shot which, if approved, will be permitted for waterfowl hunting. **Possession or use of any lead shot or any shot not approved by USFWS while hunting or attempting to take waterfowl is prohibited statewide.**

Reporting Bird Bands

To report bird bands, call 1-800-327-BAND (1-800-327-2263). All federal bird bands can be reported to this number. The toll-free number is operational 24 hours a day. Operators are available from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Friday. After these hours and on weekends, callers will reach an answering service requesting their name and daytime phone number so someone from the Bird Banding Laboratory can return the call.

Falconry

All species statewide (except the portion of Fulton County in the Western Goose Zone): Nov. 5, 2004 - Feb. 1, 2005.

Fulton County in the Western Goose Zone:

Ducks and white-fronted geese: Nov. 5, 2004 - Feb. 1, 2005.

Canada geese: Nov. 10, 2004 - Feb. 15, 2005.

Snow geese: Nov. 5, 2004 - Feb. 15, 2005.

When the season for Canada geese closes in the Western Goose Zone, then all hunting for dark geese ceases.

The **daily limit** is 3 birds and the possession limit is 6 singly or combined. Hunting hours for falconry are the same as shooting hours (see Shooting Hours section). Pit and blind restrictions in effect for wildlife management areas (WMAs) and the Ballard Reporting Area do not apply to falconers hunting waterfowl during periods when gun and archery waterfowl seasons are not open.

Kentucky License and Permit Fees

<u>License</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Nonresident</u>
Annual Hunting	\$15.00	\$115.00
Annual Junior Hunting (under 16 years only)	\$8.75	\$8.75
Annual Combination Hunting/Fishing	\$22.50	NA
Annual Senior/Disabled Combination (Includes <u>state</u> -required waterfowl permit)	\$5.00	NA
Resident Sportsman (Includes all <u>state</u> -required permits except bonus deer and WMA user permits)	\$80.00	NA
5-Day Hunting (not valid for turkey or deer)	NA	\$32.50
Kentucky Waterfowl Permit	\$10.00	\$10.00

Annual licenses are valid through the last day of February 2005. A five-day hunting license is valid for the period shown on the license.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Blind Registration

On the following areas, all permanent blinds must be registered on a permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or KDFWR before the blind is constructed: Barkley Lake, Barren River Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Green River Lake, Nolin River Lake, Rough River Lake, and Sloughs. Applicants must show a valid hunting license, Kentucky Waterfowl Permit, and Federal Migratory Bird Stamp when applying. An applicant may designate one other person as a partner and shall not hold more than one permit per area. Permanent blinds registered on these areas not occupied by one-half hour before sunrise of any day are considered open to other hunters, first-come, first-serve for that day. Permittees shall not lock blinds

to prevent use by other hunters in absence of the permittee. Permanent blinds on the above listed areas must be constructed by November 20 and removed within 30 days of the close of the season. Permittees who fail to remove their blind as stated will forfeit the opportunity to obtain a blind the following year.

On Barkley, Barren River, Green River, and Sloughs, hunters who want a permanent blind must register and be selected by random drawing. Drawings are held in September or October and applicants must be 18 years of age and show a valid hunting license, a state waterfowl permit and federal migratory bird stamp at that time.

Blind Restrictions

Unless otherwise stated under the CLOSED AREAS AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR WMAs, the following restrictions apply to all open WMAs:

- permanent blinds are not permitted;
- decoys and temporary blinds must be removed from the WMA at the end of each hunting day;
- blinds must be at least 200 yards from any other blind or waterfowl refuge area;
- no more than 4 persons shall occupy a single blind at any one time; and
- designated recreation areas and access points are closed to all waterfowl hunting.
- discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 yards of a residence or occupied building whether or not the building is on the WMA.

Closed Areas and Special WMA Regulations

Special season dates, limits and requirements are in effect for the following areas. If specific season dates are given for an area, that is the only time waterfowl hunting is permitted. Otherwise, hunting is open under statewide dates and regulations for the zone where they are located. This section also lists any areas that are closed to hunting or public access. Areas owned or managed by the KDFWR not listed below are open based on the zone in which they are located.

1) The following areas are closed to all goose hunting:

*Cave Run Lake Area: No goose hunting is permitted on public lands or waters within the block of land lying inside the boundaries of Hwy. 801, Hwy. 1274, Hwy. 36, Hwy. 211, Hwy. 60 and Hwy. 826.

2) Ballard WMA- Ballard County:

*Duck, coot and merganser season is Dec. 8, 2004 - Jan. 30, 2005, or until the Ballard Reporting Area Canada goose quota is reached.

*Goose season is Dec. 8, 2004 - Jan. 30, 2005.

*Youth waterfowl season is Feb. 5 and 6, 2005.

*Bag and possession limits are the same as statewide limits.

*All waterfowl hunting will cease if the Ballard Reporting Area Canada goose quota is reached.

*Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to noon.

*Hunting by advance application or standby if available. Application deadline Sept. 30. Applicants must check in by 4:30 a.m. CST, and standby hunters

must check in by 5:00 a.m.

*No hunting is permitted on Mondays, Tuesdays, Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

*No more than four persons shall occupy a single blind at the same time. At least one person in the blind must be 18 years of age or older.

*Waterfowl hunters are limited to 25 shells per day.

*Any person whose transportation to and from blinds is provided by the department must have his/her gun encased.

*The Ohio River from 50 yards upstream from Dam 53 to 50 yards downstream from the southern border of Ballard WMA is **closed to waterfowl hunting** October 15 - March 15.

Note: Public hunting will close when floodwaters prevent safe entry to hunting fields by wheeled vehicles on roads. Notice will be given at least 24 hours in advance of closure via radio, television and newspaper outlets, or hunters may call (502)564-8333 for a recorded announcement. Watch or listen for notices when floodwaters are expected.

3) **Barkley Lake WMA- Trigg, Lyon & Livingston counties:**

*Refuge areas **closed** to all hunting, fishing, boating and molesting of all species listed in this guide are:

a) the area including the row of islands on the west side of the main channel between river mile 51 and river mile 57.3, excluding Taylor and Jake Fork bays, closed Nov. 1 - Feb. 15; and

b) the area west of a line from the north point of the mouth of Fulton Bay to the south point of the mouth of Honker Bay, closed Nov. 1 - March 15.

*Boating is allowed but hunting is prohibited within 200 yards of the area surrounded by a levee and located between river mile 68.4 and river mile 70.4 Oct. 15 - March 15.

*Permanent blinds must remain within 10 yards of the assigned numbered blind marker within the two areas described as follows:

a) Beginning at the mouth of Donaldson Creek and proceeding south along the east side of the old Cumberland River channel as marked by buoys, to a point due west of the boat ramp at Linton, then east to the Linton boat ramp, then north along the east shore of Lake Barkley to the mouth of Donaldson Creek;

b) Beginning at Pryor's Creek Light extending south along the western shore of Barkley Lake to the boat ramp

at the end of Land Between the Lakes Road 204, then to the west side of the Cumberland River channel, marked with buoys, to river mile 73.5, then north along the west side of the Cumberland River channel, marked with buoys, to Pryor Creek Light.

*All other blinds within this described area shall be temporary. See also BLIND RESTRICTIONS FOR WMAS.

4) **Boatwright WMA- including Peal, Olmsted, 400 Acre & Swan Lake units, Ballard County:**

*Hunting **must** cease, and hunters and equipment must be off the area by 2 p.m. CST from Dec. 8, 2004 to Jan. 30, 2005. From Nov. 25-28 shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

*Waterfowl hunters are limited to 25 shot shells per day.

*Hunters must check in and out daily during specified times and locations.

*Hunters are not allowed to set up blinds or decoys until after check-in each day.

*Hunting is permitted Wednesday - Sunday, no hunting on Christmas or New Year's Day.

*When hunting assigned department blinds:

- blinds will be allocated by a pre-season draw;
- at least one person in the blind must be 18 years of age or older;
- drawn hunters **must** check in by 5 a.m. CST. Hunter check station will be open from 4:30 to 8 a.m. After 8 a.m. hunters must check out by depositing hunt card at designated KDFWR drop point;
- blinds not claimed by drawn hunters will be made available until 8 a.m. CST to standby hunters on a first-come, first-served basis;
- while hunting from a boat, hunters must hunt within 25 feet of assigned designated point;
- decoys must be removed at the end of each day's hunt, and may not be left unattended. Special regulations may apply to hunters pre-drawn to hunt Swan and Olmsted Units.

*Areas identified by signs are closed to trespassing October 15 - March 15.

*Areas identified by signs are closed to all hunting except for waterfowl from Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.

Note: When floodwaters prevent vehicular access, reservations for drawn blinds will be suspended. Drawn hunters will be notified if this occurs. Hunters

may call (502)564-8333 for a recorded announcement.

a) **Olmsted Public Waterfowl Unit, 400 Acre Unit, Stevens Unit, Upper Blenderman and Peal Lakes Unit:**

*Duck, coot and merganser season is Nov. 25-28, 2004 and Dec. 8, 2004 - Jan. 30, 2005.

*Canada goose season is Dec. 8, 2004 - Jan. 30, 2005.

*Waterfowl hunting permitted only from permanent department blinds. During periods of flood, hunters must stay within 25 feet of KDFWR assigned designated point only.

*During Canada goose season, blinds will be allocated by a pre-season draw.

Note: The number of parties using these areas during periods of flood is limited to the following: 400 Acre Unit, 1 boat; Olmsted Unit, 6 boats; Upper Blenderman Unit, 3 boats; and Stevens Unit, 1 boat. Hunters in boats must be within 25 feet of KDFWR assigned designated point. On Peal Lakes Unit, waterfowl hunters hunting on Fish, Buck, Flat, First and Second lakes:

1. The number of parties using the above lakes must hunt at designated points and is limited to the following: Fish, 4; Buck, 7; Flat, 7; First, 3. (A party is defined as a person hunting alone or 2-4 persons sharing a blind.)

2. Drawn hunters must check in daily by 5 a.m. and out prior to leaving the area at the designated hunter check station.

3. Hunting from boats permitted only at KDFWR assigned spots.

Note: Hunting is permitted from boats in flooded timber during periods of flood, as **determined by the area manager**. Boats must be a minimum of 200 yards apart.

b) **Swan Lake Unit (including the Virginia Payne tract)**

*Duck, coot and merganser season is Dec. 8, 2004 - Jan. 30, 2005.

*Goose season is Dec. 8, 2004 - Jan. 30, 2005.

*All waterfowl hunting will cease if the Ballard Reporting Area Canada Goose quota is reached.

*Bag and possession limits are the same as statewide limits.

*Waterfowl hunting permitted only from permanent department blinds. Blinds will be allocated by a pre-season draw.

*Hunters must check in and out at the Hunter Check station daily.

Note: Public hunting on the Swan Lake Unit will close when flood waters prevent safe entry to blinds by wheeled vehicles on roads. Notice will be given at least

24 hours in advance of closure via radio, television and newspaper outlets, or hunters may call (502)564-8333 for a recorded announcement. Watch or listen for notices when floodwaters are expected.

5) Barren River Lake WMA- Allen & Barren counties:

*Hunters may use breech or muzzle-loading shotguns for **waterfowl hunting** along the Barren River Lake shoreline bordering the primitive weapons area known as the "Peninsula Unit".

*Also, see BLIND RESTRICTIONS FOR WMAS.

6) Central Kentucky WMA- Madison County:

*Duck, coot and merganser season is Jan. 15-30, 2005.

*Goose season is Jan. 15-31, 2005.

*Areas marked by signs are closed to all hunting.

7) Addington WMA- Breathitt, Knott & Perry counties:

*Closed to waterfowl hunting, and areas posted by signs are closed to all hunting.

8) Grayson WMA- Carter & Elliott counties:

*The following portions are closed to all waterfowl hunting: within a three-quarter of a mile of the dam site marina, the shores of Camp Webb and the state park and Deer Creek Fork of Grayson Lake. All other portions are open.

9) Greenbo Lake-Greenup County:

*Open waterfowl hunt Dec. 13, 2004 - Jan. 15, 2005 only.

*This open hunt replaces the waterfowl quota hunt on Greenbo Lake this year.

*Selected portions of the lake and adjacent shoreline only.

*Statewide regulations apply.

***All hunters must check in before entering the field and check out after completing hunting for the day, each day they hunt, at the front desk of the lodge at Greenbo Lake State Park.**

*Hunters may not check in prior to 4 a.m. on the day they are hunting.

*During check in, hunters will be provided a map showing portions of the lake that are open.

*During check out, hunters must report harvest information.

10) Green River Lake WMA- Taylor & Adair counties:

*Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m.

*Also, see BLIND RESTRICTIONS FOR WMAS.

11) Higginson-Henry WMA- Union County:

*Portions marked by signs are closed to hunting and fishing.

12) Kaler Bottoms WMA- Graves County:

*Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m.

13) Lake Cumberland WMA- Pulaski County:

a) Wesley Bend, the area bounded to the north, west and south by Fishing Creek and to the east by Beech Grove Road and Fishing Creek Road is closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15;

b) Yellowhole, the area bounded to the west by Fishing Creek Road and the south by Hickory Nut Road is closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15.

14) Land Between the Lakes WMA- Trigg & Lyon counties:

*Long Creek Pond, the eastern one-third of Smith Bay and the eastern two-thirds of Duncan Bay on Kentucky Lake are closed to all activity Nov. 1 - March 15, as indicated by a visible marker on the south corner. The Environmental Education Center and Energy Lake are closed to all waterfowl hunting. **LBL permit required.** No waterfowl hunting permitted on inland areas during quota gun deer hunts. Permanent blinds are prohibited on inland areas and along Kentucky Lake shoreline area. Decoys and blinds must be removed at the end of each hunting day.

15) Obion Creek WMA- Carlisle, Hickman & Fulton counties:

*Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m.

16) Ohio River Waterfowl Refuge- Livingston County:

*The portion of the Ohio River from Smithland Lock and Dam upstream to the powerline crossing at river mile 911.5 is closed to hunting.

*Stewart (Birdsville) Island is closed to public access Oct. 15 - March 15, except for quota deer hunting.

17) Ohio River- in vicinity of Ballard WMA from 50 yards upstream of Dam

53 to 50 yards below the downstream boundary of Ballard WMA:

*Closed to all waterfowl hunting October 15 - March 15.

18) Peabody WMA- Ohio & Muhlenberg counties:

*Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. **on those portions open to hunting.**

*Persons entering the area for any purpose must obtain a Peabody WMA user permit (\$12.50).

***Gibraltar Mine:** That portion as bounded by Rockport Rd., the Western Kentucky Parkway, Pond Creek, and the P & M Haul Rd. and areas as posted by signs are closed Oct. 15 - March 15.

***Sinclair Mine:** That portion as bounded by the railroad tracks, the haul road, and as posted by signs is closed Oct. 15 - March 15.

***Homestead Mine,** as bounded by the haul road, the Green River and as posted by signs is closed Oct. 15 - March 15.

(The three refuge areas mentioned above are shown on the Peabody WMA map which hunters receive when they buy the Peabody WMA user permit.)

19) Pioneer Weapons WMA- Bath & Menifee counties:

*Hunters may use breech or muzzle-loading shotguns for **duck hunting** along the Cave Run Lake shoreline bordering the area. Hunters may use muzzle-loading shotguns (or archery equipment) elsewhere on the area.

20) The main block of Robinson Forest WMA- Breathitt, Perry & Knott counties:

*Closed to all hunting.

21) Sloughs WMA- Henderson & Union counties:

*Hunting must cease and waterfowl hunters must be off the area by 2 p.m.

*When flood conditions occur and boat access is required to the units, hunting will be allowed from boats spaced 200 yards apart without regard to department blinds.

*All hunters under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

*If the permit holder does not occupy their blind by one-half hour before sunrise, then the blinds are open to public hunting on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Waterfowl hunters are permitted to leave decoys out during their assigned hunting dates.

*Waterfowl hunters are limited to 25 shells per day on the Crenshaw and Duncan tracts.

a) Sauerheber Unit: Waterfowl hunting is permitted by advance application. The waterfowl blind for mobility-impaired persons will be open to the public only if the permit holder or another mobility-impaired person has not shown up to hunt on that day by one-half hour before shooting hours begin. Waterfowl hunting is allowed only from permanent blinds constructed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Application deadline Sept. 30. **No other hunting is permitted on Crenshaw and Duncan II tracts Nov. 1 through March 15.** Except deer hunting is allowed under statewide regulations until Nov. 21. The Duncan I tract is open to other hunting. The remainder of the Sauerheber Unit, (located between mile marker four and six on KY 268 and bounded by the Ohio River to the north and Tram Road to the east) is closed to all access from Nov. 1 through March 15.

b) Grassy Pond-Powells Lake Unit: Hunting is allowed from permanent department blinds that are assigned by pre-season random draw. Blinds not assigned are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

c) Jenny Hole-Highland Creek Unit: Hunting is allowed from permanent department blinds that are assigned by pre-season random draw and at any other above-ground sites provided there is a minimum of 200 yards between hunters or hunting parties.

22) South Shore WMA- Greenup County:

*Closed to all hunting and trespassing Nov. 15, 2004 – Jan. 15, 2005, except quota waterfowl hunting. Open to waterfowl and dove hunting during other times of the year according to statewide regulations.

*Waterfowl quota hunts on South Shore WMA require advance application and selection (Mourning doves may also be taken by drawn hunters when the mourning dove season is open). Substitutions or standby hunting are not permitted. Fourteen quota hunts are offered during the 2004/05 season. Dates are: Nov. 25 -26, 27-28; Dec. 7-9, 11-12, 14-16, 18-19, 21-23, 25-26, 28-30; Jan. 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 11-13, and 15. Statewide waterfowl and dove seasons, bag limits, shooting hours, and license requirements apply for individuals selected for

quota hunts. Individuals drawn for a quota hunt must complete and submit by mail a hunt report form provided with their quota hunt permit within 10 days of the close of their quota hunt.

***Quota hunt application and drawing procedures:** Individuals wishing to be drawn for one or more South Shore WMA quota waterfowl/dove hunts must mail a 3 x 5" white index card in an envelope to the Grayson Lake Wildlife Management Area, postmarked between Oct. 25 and Nov. 10, 2004. The envelope should be addressed: "Attn. Waterfowl Hunt Application, Grayson Lake WMA, 1486 Camp Webb Rd., Grayson, KY 41143". On the index card the individual should write his/her name, complete mailing address, social security number, and specify the dates of the hunt they are applying for. One individual may apply for more than one quota hunt but must submit separate cards for each hunt. An individual selected may invite up to three guests to hunt with them on the dates of the hunt. The names of guests do not have to be listed on the application. By Nov. 22, individuals selected will be mailed a quota hunt permit for the dates they are drawn, a map of the WMA, a hunt report form, and other instructions concerning the hunt. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. An individual drawn for one quota hunt during a season will have lower preference to be drawn for additional quota hunts during the same season. Duplicate applications for the same hunt period will result in disqualification. An individual failing to complete and submit a hunt report form within 10 days of the close of a quota hunt they are drawn for will be disqualified from the drawing the following year.

23) Taylorsville Lake WMA- Anderson, Spencer & Nelson counties:

*The area east of Van Buren Boat Ramp as marked by buoys and signs is closed to all hunting, fishing, boating and trespassing (excluding quota deer hunts) Nov. 1 through the last day of February, except the area between Van Buren Boat Ramp and the KY 248 bridge is open to fishing Nov. 1-14.

Hunters may hunt waterfowl from temporary blinds on a first-come basis.

24) MeadWestvaco WMA- Carlisle & Hickman counties:

*The areas south of Westvaco Road as posted by signs are closed to public ac-

cess Nov. 1 - March 15.

*A Mead Westvaco hunting permit is required for all hunting on open portions of this WMA.

*Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m.

25) White City WMA- Hopkins County:

*Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m.

26) Yatesville Lake WMA - Lawrence County:

*The Greenbriar Creek Branch, and Yatesville Lake, including all islands, north of the mouth of Greenbriar Creek Branch are closed to waterfowl hunting.

27) Yellowbank WMA- Breckinridge County:

*Areas designated by signs and markers are closed Oct. 15 - March 15.

In addition to state regulations, the following federal laws apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds.

NOTE: The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

Restrictions:

No person shall take migratory game birds:

- With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than a 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance;
- With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun;
- From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water);
- From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord;
- From or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased;
- By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl;
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls, or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls;
- By driving, rallying or stirring birds

with any motor-driven land, water or air conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters; or

•By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait.

Closed Season: No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

Shooting Hours: No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting as prescribed.

Daily Bag Limit: No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

Field Possession Limit: No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

Wanton Waste: All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

Tagging: No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information: a) the hunter's signature; b) the hunter's address; c) the total number of birds involved, by species; d) the dates such birds were killed.

Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

Possession of Live Birds: Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

Dressing: No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and band-tailed pigeons) and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

Shipment: No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: a) the name and the address of the person sending the birds; b) the name and the address of the person to whom the birds are being sent; and the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

Importation: For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home, or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

Dual Violation: Violation of state migratory game bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.

Caution: More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal Regulations, consult Assistant Regional Director-LE, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 4839, Atlanta, Georgia, 30302-4839; phone: (404) 331-5872.

Minor Clark and Pfeiffer Fish Hatcheries

Open for waterfowl Mentor quota hunts Jan. 1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and 29-30, 2005.

1. Hunts by advance registration only. No standby hunting.
2. Mentor hunt only, limited to youths under 16.
3. Youth(s) must be accompanied by an adult (mentor) at least 18 years or older.
4. Hunters drawn to hunt must carry postcard notification with them during the hunt.
5. Limited to 4 hunters with no more than two hunting adults. One mentor may have two youth but one youth may not have more than 1 mentor in a blind.
6. Hunters cannot enter blinds until 5:30 a.m.
7. Bag limits same as statewide.
8. Hunting only permitted from established blinds assigned by random pre-season draw.
9. Hunters may only discharge firearms from the blind.
10. Hunters may not change blinds.

11. Hunters may only have 15 shotshells each.

12. Hunters must immediately retrieve downed birds. Chasing or harassing waterfowl outside the blinds is strictly prohibited.

13. Firearms must be encased when traveling to and from the blind.

14. Hunting ends at noon and hunters must be off the area by 1:00 pm.

15. All decoys and equipment must be removed at the end of each day's hunt.

16. Hunters must report harvest by dropping hunt permit at designated location.

Hunt Application Procedures:

Individuals wishing to be drawn for one or more of the Mentor Hatchery Waterfowl hunts must mail a 3 x 5", white index card in an envelope to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, postmarked between Nov. 1 and Nov. 15, 2004. The envelope should be addressed: "Attn. Rocky Pritchert - Mentor Waterfowl Hunt Application", KDFWR, No. 1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601. On the index card the individual should write his/her name, complete mailing address, social security

number, and specify the location, and hunt date they are applying for. A mentor may apply for more than one hunt but must submit separate cards for each day. A mentor and youth selected may invite two additional youth or one youth and one mentor to hunt with them. The names of guests do not have to be listed on the application. By the end of November, individuals selected will be mailed a quota hunt permit for the date(s) they are drawn, a map showing hatchery location, blinds and other instructions concerning the hunt. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. An individual drawn for one quota hunt during a season will have lower preference to be drawn for a second quota hunt during the same season. Duplicate applications for the same hunt day will result in disqualification.



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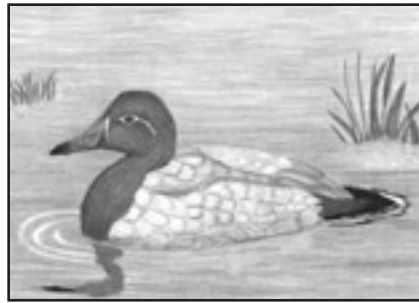
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Art in Action Conservation for the Next 100 Years

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Winning conservation messages:

"One conservation message I have learned: (It's) Important to take care of wetlands."

John Isaac Martin, age 7

"Don't duck your responsibilities to preserve the environment."

Molly Richards, age 12

"I have learned that hunting can make people aware of nature's beauty and provoke people to help in the conservation of ducks."

Justin Colgan, age 15

"A world without wildlife is a lifeless world."

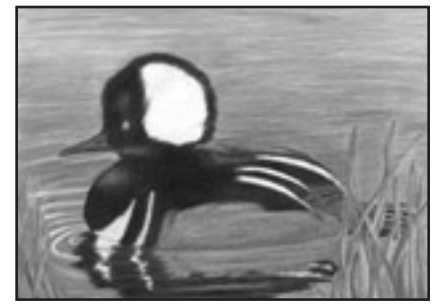
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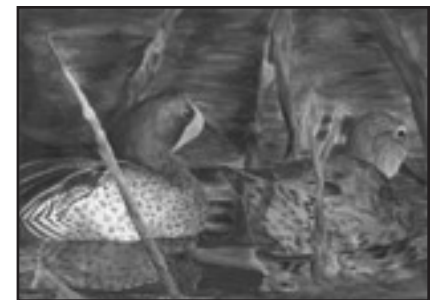
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Laina Seay, age 17